

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNDER TRIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (UTRC) HELD ON 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 (FRIDAY) AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, DISTRICT JAIL, GOALPARA, ASSAM

P R E S E N T

SHRI TRIDIB KUMAR BHATTACHARJEE, DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, GOALPARA-CHAIRMAN
SHRI NILKAMAL DAS, SECRETARY, DLSA, GOALPARA-MEMBER
SHRI ARUP KUMAR PHUKAN, SUPERINTENDENT, DISTRICT JAIL, GOALPARA (SPECIAL INVITEE)

AGENDA

Item No-1: Consideration of release of undertrial prisoners and convicts who have undergone their sentence or are entitled to release because of remission granted to them.

Resolution: In terms of resolution no.1 of the meeting dated 26-3-2020 of the High Powered Committee (constituted in terms of order dated 23-3-2020 passed in Suo Motu Writ Petition (C) No. 1/2020 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court) no eligible UTPs are found on perusal of the list of UTPs as on 6-5-2020 (Morning).

One UTP namely Sri Niksrang T. Sanga, 21 years, is found detained in connection with GR Case No. 74/2017 u/s 364(A) IPC since 7-4-2017. As such, the learned CJM, Goalpara may be requested to take up the matter with the concerned court of learned Munsiff No.1-cum- JMFC, Goalpara to explore the possibility of release of the said UTP on PR bond or take necessary steps for expeditious disposal of the case.

Item No-2: Consideration of effective implementation of Section 436 CrPC and Section 436-A CrPC so that undertrial prisoners are released at the earliest and those who cannot furnish bail bonds due to their poverty are not subjected to incarceration only for that reason.

Resolution: No UTPs are found eligible for release under section 436 or section 436A CrPC.

Item No-3: Consideration of implementation of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958 particularly with regard to first-time offenders so that they have a chance of being restored and rehabilitated in society.

Resolution: All the courts have already been requested to consider extension of benefit of the provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, wherever possible, to first time offenders.

Item No-4: Consideration of release of undertrial prisoners in compoundable offences, the effort being to effectively explore the possibility of compounding of offences rather than requiring a trial to take place.

Resolution: No eligible UTPs are found for consideration.

Item No-5: Consideration of issues raised in the Model Prison Manual, 2016 including regular jail visits as suggested in the said Manual.

Resolution: The issue raised in the Model Prison Manual, 2016 including the regular jail visits shall be considered in due course.

Item No-6 (With permission of the Hon'ble Chairman): Consideration of measures to be taken/already taken for prevention of spread of COVID-19 (Corona virus) among the jail inmates of District Jail, Goalpara.

Resolution: It is intimated to the committee that so far no inmates have shown any symptoms of having the COVID 19 disease. The committee has taken note of the measures taken by the jail authority including isolation wards, regular checkup of inmates by doctors for COVID-19 symptoms, sanitization of staff and visitors at the entrance etc. These measures may be continued. It is also intimated that all the inmates have been provided with masks, in view of our earlier resolution.

**T.K. Bhattacharjee
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